

## DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE BILL ANALYSIS

**AMENDMENT DATE:** Original  
**POSITION:** Neutral  
**SPONSOR:** California Association of Marriage and Family  
Therapists

**BILL NUMBER:** AB 956  
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### **BILL SUMMARY:** Marriage and Family Therapy: Interns and Trainees

This bill would require a registered marriage and family therapy (MFT) intern or trainee to disclose specified information to clients before performing professional services.

### **FISCAL SUMMARY**

The Department of Consumer Affairs indicates that any costs resulting from this bill would be minor and absorbable within existing resources.

### **COMMENTS**

The Department of Finance is neutral on this bill as it would not result in additional state costs and would enhance consumer awareness and protection when choosing a therapy provider.

Existing law requires a registered MFT intern or trainee to inform each client that he or she is unlicensed and under the supervision of a licensed professional before performing any professional services.

This bill would require a registered MFT intern or trainee to also specify that he or she is a registered MFT intern or trainee, and disclose the name of his or her employer, prior to the provision of any professional services. Additionally, this bill would require similar information be included in the advertisement of services to be provided by the MFT intern or trainee.

Code/Department Agency or Revenue Type	SO	(Fiscal Impact by Fiscal Year)								Fund Code
	LA	(Dollars in Thousands)								
	CO	PROP								
	RV	98	FC	2010-2011	FC	2011-2012	FC	2012-2013		
1110/ConAfr-ReqBd	SO	No		-----	No/Minor	Fiscal Impact	-----		0773	
<u>Fund Code</u>	<u>Title</u>									
0773	Behavioral Science Examiners Fund									

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